

## Message Text

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (E.O. AND TAGS LN CORRECTED)

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2  
TAGS: ENRG CH CA  
SUBJ: CANADIAN TALKS WITH CHINESE ON NUCLEAR POWER

1. DURING THE RECENTLY COMPLETED SINO-CANADIAN JOINT  
TRADE COMMISSION TALKS, HELD IN PEKING ON MARCH 27-29,  
THE CHINESE RAISED THE ISSUE OF POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF THE  
CANDU PRESSURIZED HEAVY WATER REACTOR. ONE OF THE JTC DELEGATION  
MEMBERS AND A CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER STATIONED IN PEKING  
INDICATED THAT THE NSALEAR QUESTION WAS DISCUSSED ONLY IN  
SUPERFICIAL TERMS.

2. ACCORDING TO THE EMBOFF, THE CHINESE LED OFF BY STATING THAT  
THEY HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A CANADIAN FIRM. (COMMENT: SOURCE  
INDICATED THAT THE EMBASSY WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY SUCH APPROACH AND  
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CONTACT MAY HAVE BEEN MADE THROUGH AN AGENT OR OTHER THIRD PARTY.)  
THE CHINESE STATED THAT OTHER (UNSPECIFIED) COUNTRIES HAD ALSO  
OFFERED TO SELL THEM NUCLEAR REACTORS.

3. THE CANADIANS APPARENTLY DESCRIBED THE CANDU SYSTEM IN  
GENERAL TERMS AND POINTED OUT THAT SALE WOULD BE CONDITIONED ON  
CHINESE ACCEPTANCE OF COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS. THE

CANADIANS SUGGESTED THAT THE CHINESE FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THESE SAFEGUARDS BEFORE ANY DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT CHINA'S NON-ADHERENCE TO THE NPT WOULD BE A PROBLEM. THE CHINESE REPLIED BY STATING THEIR STANDARD POSITIONS ON SAFEGUARDS AND THE NPT.

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